

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



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5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Public Health
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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Larry Stähli	Rose Conner	Jen Hawkins	Jeff Daniel
Edie Payette	Don Welsh	Boni Lowney	Cheri Tomlinson
Carmen Hair	Dan Lindell		

Support Staff: John Sapero

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Larry Stähli called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes from the February 16, 2010 meeting. Boni Lowney noted Cheri Tomlinson was not identified as being in attendance.

Chair update

Larry Stähli provided an overview of topics to be discussed during the meeting.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner discussed the following:

- The HIV Care phone line managed by Community Information & Referral will be closed effective May 31st
- A \$95,000 SPNS grant application for IT improvements has been submitted
- The EMA received a score of 92 on the Part A supplemental grant application. Rose thanked everyone involved in the completion of the grant.
- Copies of the EMA's MAI grant application were included in the meeting materials. Rose provided an overview of MAI-funded objectives discussed in the application. A workgroup will be formed to begin implementation planning.

Jeff Daniel of Collaborative Research provided an overview of the Part A funding awards. There was discussion regarding the funding other EMAs received from HRSA for Part A services.

Update: EMA-Wide Needs Assessment

Jeff Daniel provided an overview of the progress of the EMA-wide needs assessment:

- The sampled population will match the ethnic percentages of the HIV population in the EMA. Women and people of color will be oversampled.
- Participation from youth aged 24 and younger is needed.
- Greater response from Pinal County residents is needed.
- A geomap of the number of respondents to-date , color-coded by zip code, was provided.

Cheri Tomlinson offered to provide contact information for providers serving HIV positive youth.

Part B/ADAP Update and New and Emerging Issues

Rose Conner discussed that in a recent meeting, Rob Bailey of the Part B Program had related that there is a significant increase in the number of people enrolling in ADAP. Rose related that Part A and B are planning a meeting of case management providers to discuss the ADAP program.

Cheri Tomlinson related that MIHS will begin to provide a monthly new-patient report to ADAP. In the first three months of this year, McDowell Clinic has enrolled 187 new clients (from all payer sources). About one-third are transferring from other providers. Cheri offered to share similar data with the Planning Council at the next full meeting. The positivity rate in the previous month was 7.2%, and the month before that it was 9.6%.

Rose Conner noted Part B/ADAP is very receptive to collaborating with the community.

MEETING MINUTES continued

Don Welsh discussed that it was important to inform the community that COBRA payment assistance is available to allow people who have lost their jobs to retain their insurance coverage. Debby Elliott discussed the COBRA assistance program was heavily utilized.

Rose Conner related there are 425 individuals in the County jail system, and about 25 individuals are being released into the community each month. These individuals are often discharged without medications or transitional care plans. The Part A program is working to develop a transitional program to quickly engage these individuals into medical care. Cheri Tomlinson added that McDowell Clinic is hoping to establish the ability to offer same-day appointments for these individuals when they are discharged.

Debby Elliott discussed that 15 individuals who needed housing services were released from the jail system over a two month period.

Discussion: Potential Effects of Healthcare Reform Legislation on HIV Services

Rose Conner discussed that representatives of Ryan White Parts A, B, C and D recently met to evaluate the impact of changes to local and federal legislation and funding. A variety of issues are being monitored, and decisions regarding the establishment of a high-risk pool in the state have not been made. For the moment, the state has not cut the amount of funding that will be contributed to its maintenance of effort for ADAP.

Cheri Tomlinson discussed the Kids Care program may be reinstated, as the federal government will eliminate Medicaid funding unless the program was reinstated. If Kids Care is reinstated, there will be new enrollment guidelines.

Rose Conner discussed that the state is determining whether to create a high-risk pool for uninsured individuals.

Jeff Daniel asked for clarification regarding ADAP receiving rebates for drug purchases. Rose Conner responded that Part B is establishing this process.

Cheri Tomlinson provided documents regarding health care reform and education opportunities to better understand the new legislation.

There was discussion regarding how clients may be affected by federal health care reform and state budget issues.

Rose Conner related that HRSA and the CDC have not developed guidance related to the impact of health care reform on Part A service delivery.

Debby Elliott asked if local issues related to Copa Care had been resolved. Rose Conner replied that these issues are still under consideration.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

The committee reached a consensus to add an ongoing agenda item regarding Healthcare Reform issues and local funding/programmatic issues.

Jeff Daniel discussed that his federal contacts have related that healthcare reform will not eliminate Ryan White programs. HRSA will instead focus on assisting Ryan White grantees with becoming innovative in delivering services and collaborating with other funding sources.

Discussion: Emerging HIV Issues

No new issues were presented for discussion.

Agenda items for the next meeting

Current ongoing agenda items
Healthcare Reform issues and local funding/programmatic issues
Discussion regarding client growth in all HIV services

Current events summaries

No comments were voiced.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 pm.